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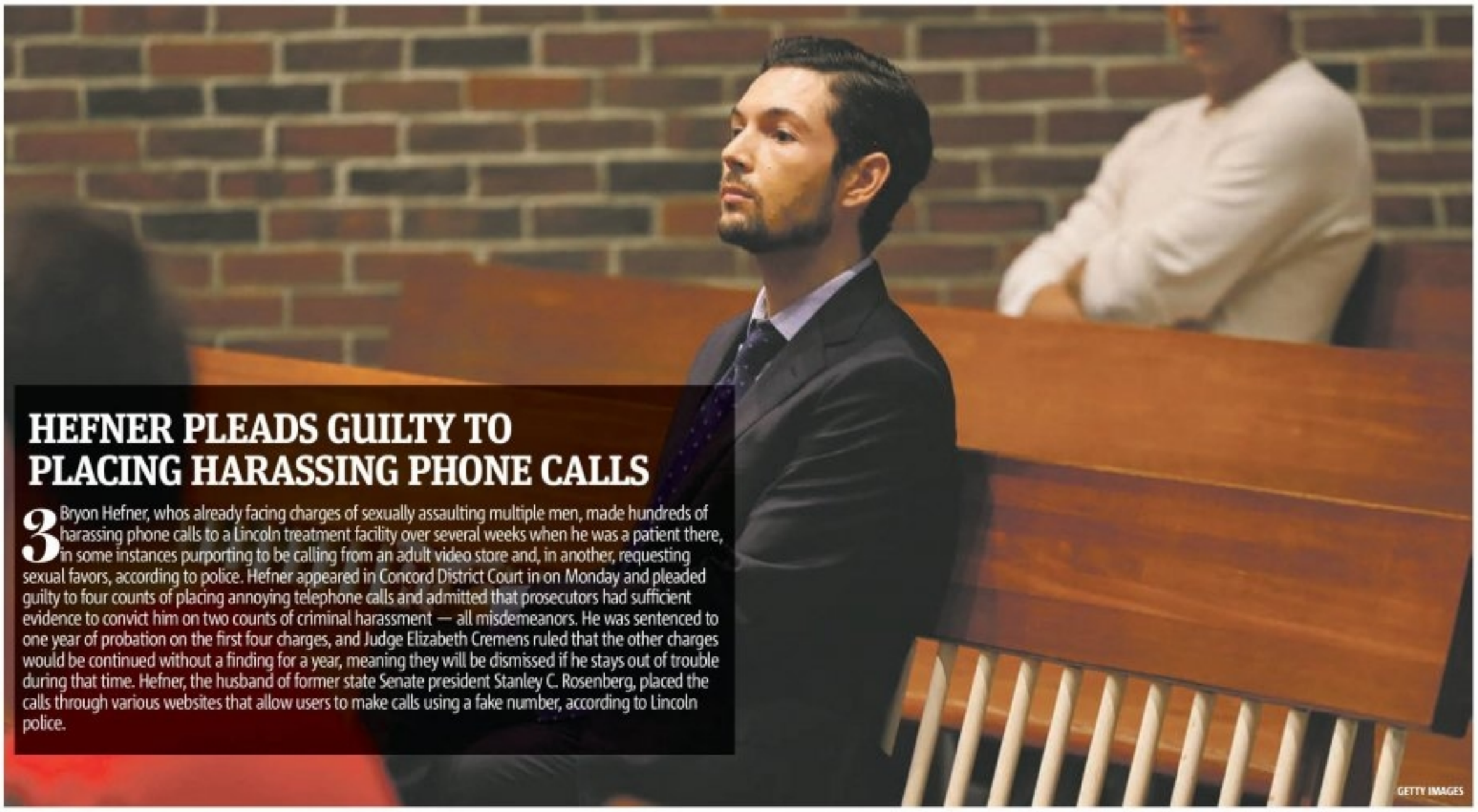
New Englanders like to hold on to their summer, I know. The season goes by way too fast, especially after Boston's brutal winters. Still, I always look forward to fall, when the leaves turn and all of New England glows in their autumn colors. It's not too far off, either — experts are already making predictions about what this year's fall foliage will look like. If you're eagerly awaiting when you can leaf peep this autumn, read more about the fall foliage forecast inside and at **metroboston.us.**

1 SC WOMAN WALKING DOG KILLED BY ALLIGATOR

A 45-year-old woman walking her dog in South Carolina died on Monday after being snatched and dragged underwater by an 8-foot alligator, the county sheriff's office said. A witness called police to report an alligator was attacking a woman at a lagoon on Hilton Head Island, a popular tourist destination, the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office said in a statement. Police recovered her body and identified the victim as Cassandra Cline of Hilton Head Island. The alligator believed to be responsible for the attack was captured and killed, said Robert McCullough, a captain for the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources. The dog was not harmed, the authorities said. Alligators typically roll their victim beneath the water's surface until their prey stops breathing, before stashing the body to eat later. Alligator attacks are uncommon in the United States, where the majority of animal-related deaths are caused by farm animals, hornets, wasps, bees and dogs, according to a study published in March. In June, a nearly 13-foot alligator in Florida killed a woman in an attack, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission said.

2 GA VOTING SITE CLOSINGS 'BLATANT SUPPRESSION'

A plan to close most polling places in a predominantly black Georgia county ahead of November's elections is drawing opposition from the state's gubernatorial candidates and voting rights activists, who deem it blatant voter suppression. The two-member local elections board is expected to vote on Friday on a proposal to shutter seven of nine polling sites in rural Randolph County, located in southwest Georgia, where roughly 60 percent of the 7,800 residents are black. The board members have said the voting sites violate federal disabilities law because they are not wheelchair accessible. Both Stacey Abrams, the Democratic nominee who is seeking to become the first female African-American governor in U.S. history, and Republican candidate Brian Kemp, who is white and serves as Georgia's secretary of state, urged county officials to drop the plan. "Although state law gives localities broad authority in setting precinct boundaries and polling locations, we strongly urged local officials to abandon this effort and focus on preparing for a secure, accessible, and fair election for voters this November," Kemp said in a statement.



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3 HEFNER PLEADS GUILTY TO PLACING HARASSING PHONE CALLS

Bryon Hefner, whos already facing charges of sexually assaulting multiple men, made hundreds of harassing phone calls to a Lincoln treatment facility over several weeks when he was a patient there, in some instances purporting to be calling from an adult video store and, in another, requesting sexual favors, according to police. Hefner appeared in Concord District Court in on Monday and pleaded guilty to four counts of placing annoying telephone calls and admitted that prosecutors had sufficient evidence to convict him on two counts of criminal harassment — all misdemeanors. He was sentenced to one year of probation on the first four charges, and Judge Elizabeth Cremens ruled that the other charges would be continued without a finding for a year, meaning they will be dismissed if he stays out of trouble during that time. Hefner, the husband of former state Senate president Stanley C. Rosenberg, placed the calls through various websites that allow users to make calls using a fake number, according to Lincoln police.

4 NO VERDICT FOR THIRD DAY IN MANAFORT TRIAL

The jury in the trial of Paul Manafort left for a third day without a verdict on Monday about whether to convict the former Trump campaign chairman for financial crimes. The case is the first to go to trial stemming from Special Counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into Russia's role in the 2016 U.S. election, although the charges largely predate Manafort's five months working on Donald Trump's successful campaign. Manafort, a veteran Republican operative, faces 18 criminal charges related to bank and tax fraud and failure to disclose overseas bank accounts. A Manafort conviction would undermine efforts by Trump and some Republican lawmakers to paint Mueller's Russia inquiry as a political witch hunt. In a break with convention, Trump weighed in on the trial on Friday, calling the case against Manafort at the federal court in Alexandria, Virginia, "very sad" and lauding his former associate as a "very good person." On Monday, Trump accused Mueller's team of "enjoying ruining people's lives" and trying to influence the midterm elections in November when Republicans will try to hold on to control of Congress.

5 TRUMP: MUELLER INTERVIEW 'PERJURY TRAP'

President Donald Trump said on Monday he was worried that any statements under oath he provides to Special Counsel Robert Mueller could be used to bring perjury charges against him as part of the probe into Russia's electoral interference. In an interview with Reuters, Trump echoed the concerns of his top lawyer in the probe, Rudy Giuliani, who has warned that any sit-down with Mueller could be a "perjury trap." The president expressed fears that investigators could compare his statements with that of others who have testified in the probe, such as former FBI Director James Comey, and that any discrepancies could be used against him. "So if I say something and he [Comey] says something, and it's my word against his, and he's best friends with Mueller, so Mueller might say: 'Well, I believe Comey,' and even if I'm telling the truth, that makes me a liar. That's no good." Despite his concerns, Trump did not comment on whether he would ultimately agree to an interview with Mueller, who is, among other things, investigating whether Trump's campaign team colluded with Russians during the 2016 election.

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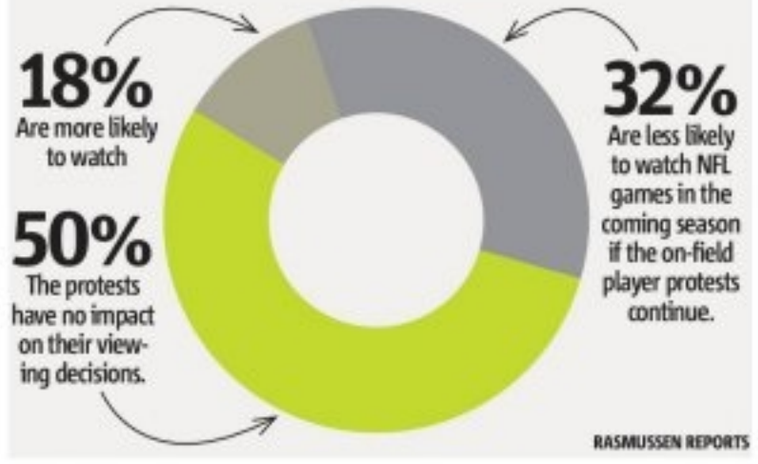
FOOTBALL PROTESTS

If the on-field player protests continue, are you more likely or less likely to watch NFL games in the coming season? Or are the protests likely to have no impact on your viewing decisions?


18%
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Are less likely to watch NFL games in the coming season if the on-field player protests continue.

RASMUSSEN REPORTS

BCH completes state's first female-to-male transgender surgery

The phalloplasty, or penis-creation surgery — a gender-affirming procedure for transgender men — was performed last week.

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Boston Children's Hospital paved the way for transgender care back in 2007 with its Gender Management Service program, the first of its kind in the country. And now, the top-ranked institution has once again taken a strong step forward with the first phalloplasty, or penis creation surgery, completed in Massachusetts.

Zack Hogle, 24, is the first patient at Boston Children's Hospital, and the first in Massachusetts, to receive the surgery, according to WBUR.

Genital surgery, or gender affirmation surgery, is not the first step a transgender person undergoes in their path to transition. Other care options, like taking hormones and undergoing chest surgery, come first, according to BCH.

That was true for Hogle, who started his transition with testosterone shots, or T, and top surgery, according to WBUR. But undergoing phalloplasty, despite the complications, has led Hogle to be "the happiest I have been in my entire life," he told WBUR.

"The happiest I have been in my entire life."

Zack Hogle

But what exactly is phalloplasty? Phalloplasty is "the surgical creation of a penis," according to Boston Children's Hospital. The procedure involves surgeons harvesting "flaps" of skin from a donor site on your body, usually from your forearm or maybe your thigh.

That skin and tissue are used to form a penis and urethra. But even before that procedure, patients must undergo a hysterectomy, or uterus removal, at least three months prior to the phalloplasty.

Phalloplasty is complex, Boston Children's Hospital says, and requires "significant recovery time" and an overall healing process that can take 12 to 18 months.

For Hogle, who underwent the phalloplasty at Boston Children's Hospital back in January, the procedure took 14 hours, and he was in and out of the hospital for several weeks following the surgery with complications.

It was worth it, though, he told WBUR. "I am complete. I am who I should be. I can finally look down and see what I've been wanting for so long."

Many trans men don't pursue phalloplasty, experts say, because of how complicated and costly the procedure is, and because it's not a surgery offered at every hospital.

While Hogle is Boston Children's Hospital's first and only phalloplasty recipient so far, the institution said it plans to have one or two such patients each month by next year.

The hospital said it's the only pediatric hospital in the U.S. offering phalloplasty, but to be clear, the surgery is not available for children. At Boston Children's Hospital, phalloplasty patients must be 18 or older and have been "living in their identified gender full time for at least 12 months."

Only two years ago, in 2016, Boston Medical Center announced that it would be the first in the Northeast to offer male-to-female gender affirmation surgery for transgender patients, and plans to eventually offer the female-to-male procedure (phalloplasty), which is more complicated.

Gender affirmation surgeries are offered in other states as well, including California, Philadelphia, New York and more. Brownstein & Crane, which offers gender reassignment surgeries in San Francisco, announced back in May that its surgeons have completed their 400th phalloplasty.

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Are you ready to leaf peep this year? ANTHONY QUINTANO / FLICKR CREATIVE COMMONS

Experts forecast a bright and bold (and late) fall foliage for New England

Sure, it's technically still summer, but the 2018 fall foliage forecast for New England is here.

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New England summers are great, yes, but New England in autumn is really when the region shines. Though the 2018 fall foliage season may come a bit late this year, it's set to bring "bright, bold colors," according to the 2018 Yankee Magazine fall foliage forecast.

Each year, Yankee Magazine releases its New England fall foliage forecast to give locals and leaf peepers alike a glimpse of what's to come.

In 2017, Jim Salge, a former meteorologist and the foliage reporter for Yankee Magazine, said he made his "most optimistic forecast" in a while. But don't worry, he's hopeful about this year's fall foliage outlook, too.

"I'm definitely optimistic again this year, as the lead-up is on par with last year," he told Metro. "The biggest issue is timing; it might happen later this year if it is warm this fall. Beyond that, no issues!"

Even though New England is known for its beautiful autumns, fall foliage isn't the same from year to year, Salge explains.

"[The season] can start early or end late. They can range from predominantly yellow to overwhelmingly red. They can be strikingly vibrant or complex with muted tones," he writes in Yankee Magazine. "Many of the factors that go into these differences are already determined, and some require good fall weather to fully reach peak potential."

Salge looks as far back as the winter to see what factors in New England's weather history will affect the fall foliage 2018 season. And this winter lasted pretty long: Worcester had its snowiest spring ever, he noted.

This "stalled the trees from leafing out a few weeks later than normal; many remained bare well into May," he wrote. Then, after the cool weather, the trees had to contend with spring rain, which can lead to fungi, as well as defoliation from caterpillars.

Despite those potential threads, New England leaves look healthy overall, according to Salge, but the quality of this year's fall foliage still depends on the weather to come in early autumn.

"The best foliage colors will emerge if early fall features abundant sunshine, limited but timely rainfall, and cool overnight temperatures," per Yankee Magazine.

There's no pinpointing peak New England fall foliage, per Salge, as fall foliage peaks across the region at different times.

But if you're planning a leaf-peeping trip this year, don't worry. The leaves will look great, you just might have to wait a bit to see them.

"We are fairly confident that the leaves will be bright, bold, and healthy when they begin to change in most areas, and a colorful, vibrant show should be on tap across most of New England this year," Yankee Magazine predicts. "We also believe that the leaves, especially up north, will turn a bit later than historical averages."

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EDUCATION GUIDE

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How working mothers can balance back-to-school time

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Finding the balance between work life and being there for your children can be a difficult balancing act for most working mothers. Staying on top of what your children will need for back to school shopping and making your presence known in their school can be almost impossible when you are also trying to advance your career. In a 2017 study by Reader's Digest, they found that the average working mother officially "clocks in" for the day at 6:23 a.m. and clocks out at 8:31p.m. once their responsibilities with work and their children is over for the day. That is nearly 70 hours a week. On top of that, working mothers are usually expected to be the ones who are the most hands on with their children in school. So how can working mothers catch a break?

Holly Caplan, a mom, workplace issues expert, career coach and author of "Surviving the D-ck Clique: A Girl's Guide to Surviving the Male Dominated Corporate World," has some great tips for working moms to juggle their careers while sending their kind back to school. The way she sees it, the majority of schools have not made it easy for the emergence of more women joining today's workforce.

You can't do it all, and that's OK!

There is a lot of stress on working mothers to keep the family unit working like a well-oiled machine. But, is that really realistic?

"Forty-seven percent of the workforce is females and 70% of that is working mothers," explains Caplan. "This is not uncommon now for moms to go back to work and to handle back to school with it. Don't beat yourself up. I think as women we try to do everything. We think we can do it all and we can handle it all. And I think the message here is to give yourself some grace with staying on time and being organized. Know that you're not alone."

She suggest that by relying on online shopping for school supplies — and even pre-assembled meals like Blue Apron for dinner throughout the week— mothers can get back some valuable time to focus on maintaining their balance between work and family.

Don't sweat the small stuff

As a full-time employee and a full-time mom, there will be some things that will slip between the cracks. You might not be able to make it to that Meet the Teacher event because of an important work obligation, and that's perfectly normal. Cut yourself some slack and take on what you can handle.

"Keep it simple and don't sweat the small stuff because you will have time to fix whatever it is," says Kaplan. "I have laundry sitting on my bed. It's clean but it's on my bed. It will get folded but I have to get my daughter back to school! I've got to prioritize what comes first and know that the other stuff will come together eventually. It will happen."

You are not alone in this

Lastly, even if you feel overwhelmed, you should know that you are not alone in this. You should not have any guilt for missing out on school activities because chances are, there are many other parents who work just as much as you do. Make connections with other working mothers to set up playdates and to carpool to school functions so you can have all of your

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How to *stretch* your spending money in college

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"Why am I running out of money?" That's the question students ask most when they visit the student money management center at University of North Georgia in Dahlonega, Georgia.

"When I ask them about a spending plan or a budget, they'll typically say, 'Yeah, I know what I spend my money on,'" says the center's coordinator, Jean Cyprien. "But when I show them a spreadsheet with different categories for spending, they'll say, 'Wow, I didn't realize I was spending that on eating out' or 'I forgot about that music app that I'm paying for.'"

You may have income from a part-time job, or you may start the semester with a lump sum. No matter your source, you have to make your spending money last all semester.

NerdWallet is a personal finance website.

Set expectations with your parents

Before school starts, have a conversation with your parents about who's paying for what. For example, your parents may agree to cover tuition and supplies, but you'll have to pay for living expenses.

Separate needs and wants

Paying for your wants shouldn't come at the expense of your needs. To prioritize spending, start with a list of expenses you are certain of during the semester, such as a trip home at Thanksgiving or filling your car with gas every two weeks.

Subtract those expenses from the amount of money you have for the semester. What's left is your discretionary spending money.

Now divide that remaining amount by the number of weeks you need to cover. For example, if you have $800 available over a 15-week semester, that's a little over $50 a week you could spend.

Use leftover financial aid wisely

If you borrow student loans to pay for college, there may be remaining funds you can use for personal expenses after covering tuition and fees, as well as room and board.

But avoid spending loan money on nonessentials, like streaming services, vacations or delivered food. Paying for those expenses with financial aid can be costly, since you'll have to pay back the money you borrow, with interest.

Tracking your money can help you make smarter spending choices.

"You've got to take responsibility to say, 'I can't go out and spend money to go to the bar or pizza place, because I'm not going to have enough money for the books that I need,'" says Katie Ross, education and development manager for American Consumer Credit Counseling, a nonprofit credit counseling organization.

What to do if you slip up

Overspending is probably going to happen. You might budget $50 a week, but one weekend you end up spending double or triple that amount.

You don't necessarily need to work more hours at a part-time job or send an SOS to your parents to get back on track. Instead, adjust your budget.

Plan to skip a few weeks of spending to stick with your current budget. If you spent three weeks of your allotment in one weekend, for example, then curtail spending for two weeks. Start over. Add up all of the money you have left for the semester and divide by the number of weeks left. ANNA HELHOSKI

LIFESTYLE

Celebrate 100 years of Leonard Bernstein this weekend. WALTER SCOTT

Leonard Bernstein centennial show will be 'grandest' of them all

Pops conductor Keith Lockhart previews this weekend's tribute concert honoring the late legend.

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The Boston Symphony Orchestra is throwing a huge party in honor of Leonard Bernstein's 100th birthday this weekend.

BSO conductor Andris Nelson, Boston Pops conductor Keith Lockhart and dozens of other musicians from orchestras around the world will perform at Tanglewood on Saturday, Aug. 25, as part of a grand tribute in honor of the music icon's centennial celebration. The star-studded guest includes cellist Yo-Yo Ma, vocalist Audra McDonald, plus members of the New York Philharmonic, Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra, Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, Tanglewood Music Center Orchestra, Pacific Music Festival and Schleswig-Holstein Music Festival, all organizations that were important to Bernstein.

Lockhart tells Metro that this event is the culmination of a worldwide celebration of Bernstein's legacy this year, with concerts performed in his honor from the Czech Republic to Norway.

"There have been thousands of Bernstein concerts linked to the centennial," says Lockhart. "This concert is probably the biggest, grandest, of all of them."

This particular Tanglewood show holds extra meaning because it will take place on the day of Bernstein's birthday in a place that was so meaningful to him for a half century. The late composer held a number of conducting classes at Tanglewood in 1940, and conducted one of the last concerts of his life at the venue in 1990. Lockhart will lead "Kaddish 2," a movement from Bernstein's third symphony. He says he learned a lot from Bernstein, who was a unique presence in the world of conducting.

"He was in a profession that is known for being stodgy and old. He was young and electric and good-looking and an American, which was an anomaly too," Lockhart says. "There were very few American performers who had that wide of a worldwide following."

Bernstein's connection to Boston runs strong. A native of Lawrence, the first orchestral concert Bernstein attended was a Pops show in 1933. The very first time he conducted a professional orchestra was also on the podium with the Pops. Lockhart notes that Bernstein maintained a lifelong connection to that orchestra.

"His interpretations of things, whether or not I or others always agreed with them, were always electrifying. They were always idiomatic. They were always his," Lockhart says. "All of us learned a lot from Bernstein. Almost as important as his skills in being a conductor or a performer were his skills in being a spokesman for music and the performing arts. He could speak to anybody, to Harvard [students] and kindergarteners and everybody in between and be incredibly compelling."

Will his legacy be remembered just as fondly 100 years from now? "I think Bernstein certainly stands as great of a chance as any composer in my lifetime of remaining part of the canon of great music," Lockhart says. "[His is] a unique voice. It's an original voice. I guess we'll see."

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Next big thing: Netflix's 'The Innocents' is a binge-worthy slow burn

"The Innocents" debuts Aug. 24 on Netflix. NETFLIX

The streaming service's latest teen drama delves into the supernatural with a steady pace.

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At first glance, showrunners Hania Elkington and Simon Duric's "The Innocents" looks like yet another supernatural drama about teens meant for a teenage audience. In many ways, this is true, but by the time the first episode comes to a close, viewers of all ages will realize it's so much more.

Teen lovers June (Sorcha Groundsell) and Harry (Percelle Ascott) run away, the former from her mysteriously repressive father, the latter from a life of daily duties that prevent any semblance of a social life. Before they manage to get far, a chance encounter with two strangers bent on abducting June triggers something in her, the ability to transform into anyone she touches.

When the trailer for the series dropped in April, most people were probably caught unawares. Aside from a rather grizzled-looking Guy Pearce's narration and appearance, the story of a British teenager's newfound shapeshifting abilities felt like a complete surprise. Yet considering the pop cultural zeitgeist's fascination with the supernatural and science fiction-oriented stories afforded by superhero movies and comic book adaptations, it makes complete sense.

As Freeform and Hulu's recent success with "Cloak & Dagger" and "Runaways," both Marvel properties, proves, studios and distributors are eager to adapt what's happening in genre, specifically for teenage viewers. Netflix, which has already put out similar shows like

"The Rain" and "Kiss Me First," is primed for such a venture. After all, analysts have predicted that the streaming giant will spend a whopping $13 billion on original content this year. So far, so good.

With "The Innocents," however, it seems Netflix has stumbled on something that, unlike its comparative predecessors, actually works. Yes, it's yet another original streaming series that operates more like one long film than a traditional TV show. And yes, it's a slow burn. Yet unlike most streaming series, "The Innocents" doesn't suffocate its audience in story.

Streamers itching for something new to watch will want to check out "The Innocents" when its first season drops Friday. Between Groundsell and Ascott's performances, Pearce's work as the mildly antagonistic scientist Halvorson and the writers' adept use of genre, it definitely won't bore viewers to tears.

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Braxton Berrios looks for room against the Redskins earlier this month. GETTY IMAGES

Who will be surprise Pats roster cut?

Bill Belichick has some key roster decisions to make in the next 11 days.

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The Saturday of Labor Day weekend is usually good for a stunner or two as it is typically the final roster cut-down day in the NFL. The Patriots have shocked on or around this day for years – dating back to the release of Lawyer Milloy, the trade of Richard Seymour, the trade of Logan Mankins - and, to a much lesser extent, the release of Tim Tebow in 2013.
It's hard to imagine the Patriots rocking the world this year with a release in the next 11 days but here are some big names to keep an eye on in the third preseason game against the Panthers this Friday and on Aug. 30 against the Giants.

Eric Decker

Decker has been "Mr. Drop" in training camp as he has not yet really developed much of a rapport with Tom Brady or Brian Hoyer. The good news for Decker is that his competition is not exactly otherworldly with a beat-up Kenny Britt and journeyman Devin Lucien pushing him.

Mike Gillislee

It's a bit of a coin flip as to who the Patriots will cut at running back. Gillislee or Jeremy Hill? Hill, the former Bengals standout, has looked exceptional in the Pats' two preseason games thus far as he has amassed a total of 82 yards on 17 carries to go along with a touchdown.

Gillislee, meanwhile, has barely averaged three yards per carry so far in preseason action.

All that said – on the flip side - would it shock anyone if Gillislee wound up being the Patriots workhorse this season?

James White will be the main man in the passing game out of the backfield while Sony Michel (knee) and Rex Burkhead (knee) are still on the shelf. Brandon Bolden will never be the Pats' bread winner.

It's all or nothing for Gillislee.

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Mike Gillislee's top game for the Patriots last season was a Rob Gronkowski approved 69-yard rushing performance in Week 2 against New Orleans.

Braxton Berrios

Berrios didn't even dress for the Pats' second preseason game against the Eagles last week, which came as a surprise. Either Bill Belichick is done with him, or he'll play the entire 60 minutes against the Panthers in the alleged "most important" third preseason game this Friday against Carolina. Belichick likes to play those games, particularly with young players.

Berrios, who thrived in college at Miami, was picked in the sixth round by the Pats this past April. He had just one catch for three yards in the Pats' first preseason game against Washington.

Jason McCourty

McCourty has looked old in training camp and he was burned by Eagles receiver Shelton Gibson for a touchdown against Philadelphia.
Like Decker, his competition isn't exactly the greatest though. Cyrus Jones, JC Jackson and Keion Crossen are all looking for roster spots in the secondary as well.

Bubble boys

Here are several other Patriots thought to be on the roster bubble.

Kenny Britt, WR
Phillip Dorsett, WR
Cyrus Jones, CB
Elandon Roberts, LB
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Pittsburgh remains the class of the AFC North. GETTY IMAGES

BUCCANEERS UNDER SIX WINS (-125)
Jameis Winston is proving to be more trouble than he's worth in Tampa Bay, as he'll be sitting out the season's first three games due to suspension after violating the NFL's personal conduct policy. Considering he sported a mediocre 19-11 TD-INT ratio and lost eight fumbles in 2017, it may not matter who lines up under center (Ryan Fitzpatrick is the backup), as the Bucs open their season against the Saints, Eagles and Steelers. An 0-3 start could turn things sour very quickly, as head coach Dirk Koetter is suspected to be on the hot seat after missing the playoffs two years in a row.

The Bucs drafted heavily on defense, which isn't a bad thing, but having an inexperienced squad of stoppers probably won't help them win this year. Expect them to finish last in the ultra-competitive NFC South.

STEELERS OVER 10.5 WINS (+105)
The NFL is all about parity, which usually leads to across-the-board shakeups on a yearly basis. But one thing that remains constant is the Steelers being in prime position to win the AFC North. The Ravens and Bengals, 9-7 and 7-9 in 2017, respectively, did little to make themselves a threat to Pittsburgh in the offseason, while Cleveland will offer the Steelers their two annual "gimme" wins in 2018.

Pittsburgh's volatility was on full display early last season; they struggled on defense and scraped by some lowly road opponents, but they still managed a 13-3 record and nearly beat New England. In 2018, they'll have to deal with a discontent Le'Veon Bell, playing out the last year of his contract after offseason extension negotiations fell through, along with the usual drama surrounding Ben Roethlisberger, Antonio Brown and Mike Tomlin. However, they should get out of the gate quickly; their first three games are at Browns, home to the Chiefs, and at Bucs.

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Drug Companies Fear Release Of New $2 Sex Pill For Older Men

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NEW YORK - It's hard to believe that in America today an affordable pill that could improve the sex lives of millions of men is in danger of being yanked from the shelves. And it's just because big drug companies fear for their profits.

The pharmaceutical industry is desperately trying to stop shipments of the remarkable new "JackedUp" pill.Big Pharma is worried because men are reporting increased sex drive, stronger erections and more stamina - all without the side-effects and $40-per-pill price tag associated with drugs like Viagra. Clinical results show men feel these benefits within just a few weeks of taking JackedUp's active ingredient.

The pill, made for men over 50, was released early last month. Despite Big Pharma's efforts, sales have already exceeded expectations.

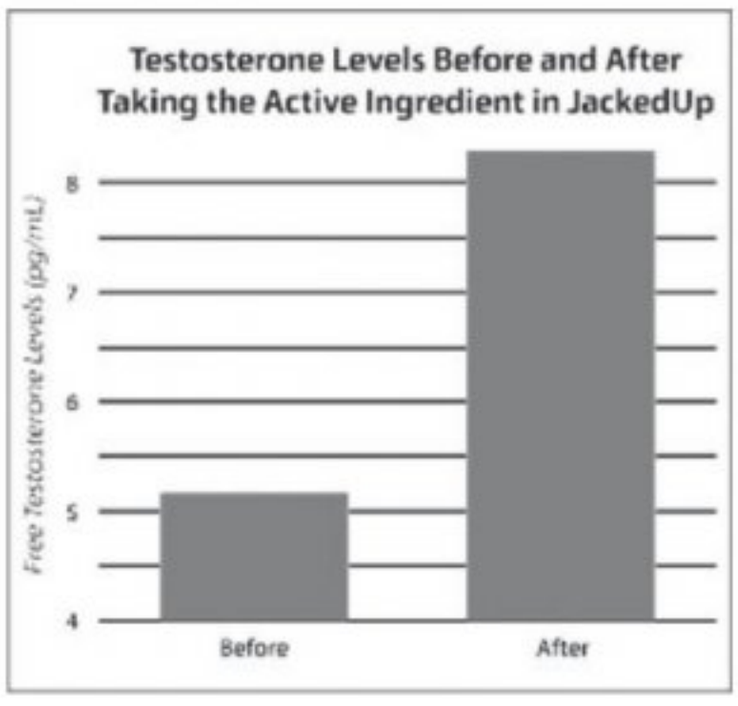
> ***"If you're over 50** and suffering from low sex drive, decreased stamina and inability to perform, low testosterone is the biggest factor. **Drug companies do NOT want men to know about this afforable new pill..."***

Exciting Benefits

There are very good reasons why sales are booming and drug companies want it gone. Apart from costing just two dollars per daily dose, the clinical results confirm JackedUp's active ingredient is very impressive. It greatly boosts a man's ability to get and keep erections. Stamina during sex also improves.

The product also has a unique ability to help men feel more passion, desire, and sex drive. These impressive benefits come from boosting testosterone levels by up to a whopping 193%. Doctors are astounded by its effects.

Why do drug companies want this pill stopped? Since the "JackedUp" pill is natural, drug companies can't patent it (like they did with Viagra) and make big profits. Plus, if you're over 50 and suffering from low sex drive, decreased stamina and inability to perform, low testosterone is the biggest factor. If you can safely boost your testosterone, *you won't need their expensive pills*. That's the very reason big business is trying to have it pulled from the shelves.



Strong Clinical Results Worry Big Pharma

Recent clinical trials on JackedUp's active ingredient have made the drug companies more desperate. The trial results were published in major medical journals, and doctors are now recommending JackedUp to patients.

The testing was done on men 40 – 65 years old, and the results were remarkable. The men who took the active ingredient in JackedUp reported major improvements in their sex lives. Their ability to get and keep erections went up by over 200%. Libido and sex drive surged. Even staying power and stamina during sex more than doubled!

Head of product development, Dave McNeill, said the big drug companies weren't worried at first. "They didn't care because the active ingredient can take a few weeks before many men really feel the benefits. But these awesome clinical trials really got their attention. They're learning A LOT of men will wait a few weeks if it means avoiding negative side effects and saving money."

How It Works

The "JackedUp" pill works by helping older men produce more testosterone. It doesn't force dangerous fake testosterone into your body like injections do. Instead, it works with your body to produce testosterone naturally. And the results have been extraordinary. It's like your body reboots itself to feel like it did in the prime of your life.

Initial Users Are Thrilled...And Worried

"JackedUp has been awesome for my sex drive and performance! I'm worried it may not be available in the future. The idea that it may be taken away just to secure some big drug company's profits is very frustrating."

- Rob H., 49 years old, Colorado Springs, CO

"My wife and I were both sexually vibrant until I had prostate cancer. After my surgery we tried everything my doctor recommended but nothing worked. Within a few weeks of taking JackedUp, everything has been functioning beautifully and we've been riding high ever since!"

- Ken S., 78 years old, Phoenix, AZ

Doctors Speak Out

Drug companies are also concerned that doctors are now recommending JackedUp. The active ingredient has strong clinical results and lacks the side effects seen in current drugs on the market. This makes it an easy option for doctors to suggest.

Big Pharma Worried: Older men are having better sex after taking the newly released $2 pill called JackedUp. Clinical trials show active ingredient triggers surge in desire, strength of erections, and sexual activity in older men.

Dr. Laguna-Bedia, a specialist in internal medicine says, "A lot of men think their lack of interest and inability to perform are simply parts of aging. This is just not true. JackedUp can help these men regain a healthy appetite for sex and the physical ability to perform."

"JackedUp works by boosting key male hormones without side effects. The benefits of these hormones to sexual health are well known, but they actually do more than that. Men also report more energy, less body fat and higher motivation," said Dr. G. Pereira, a renowned surgeon in Florida.

Dr. Jacob Moss notes, "I recommend JackedUp if you're struggling with getting and keeping erections or low libido. It's also a great option for men who want to last longer and have more control over when they orgasm."

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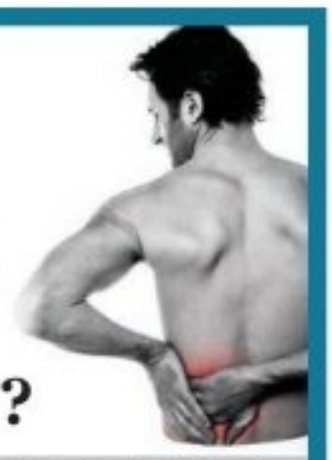

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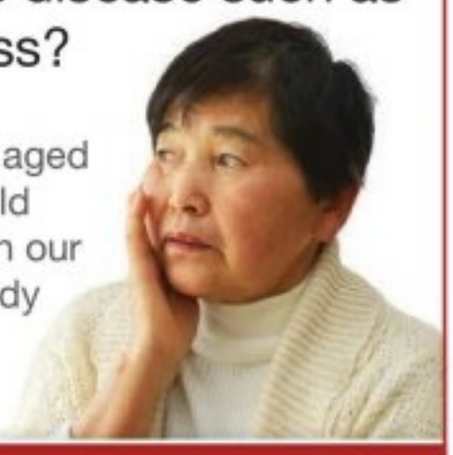

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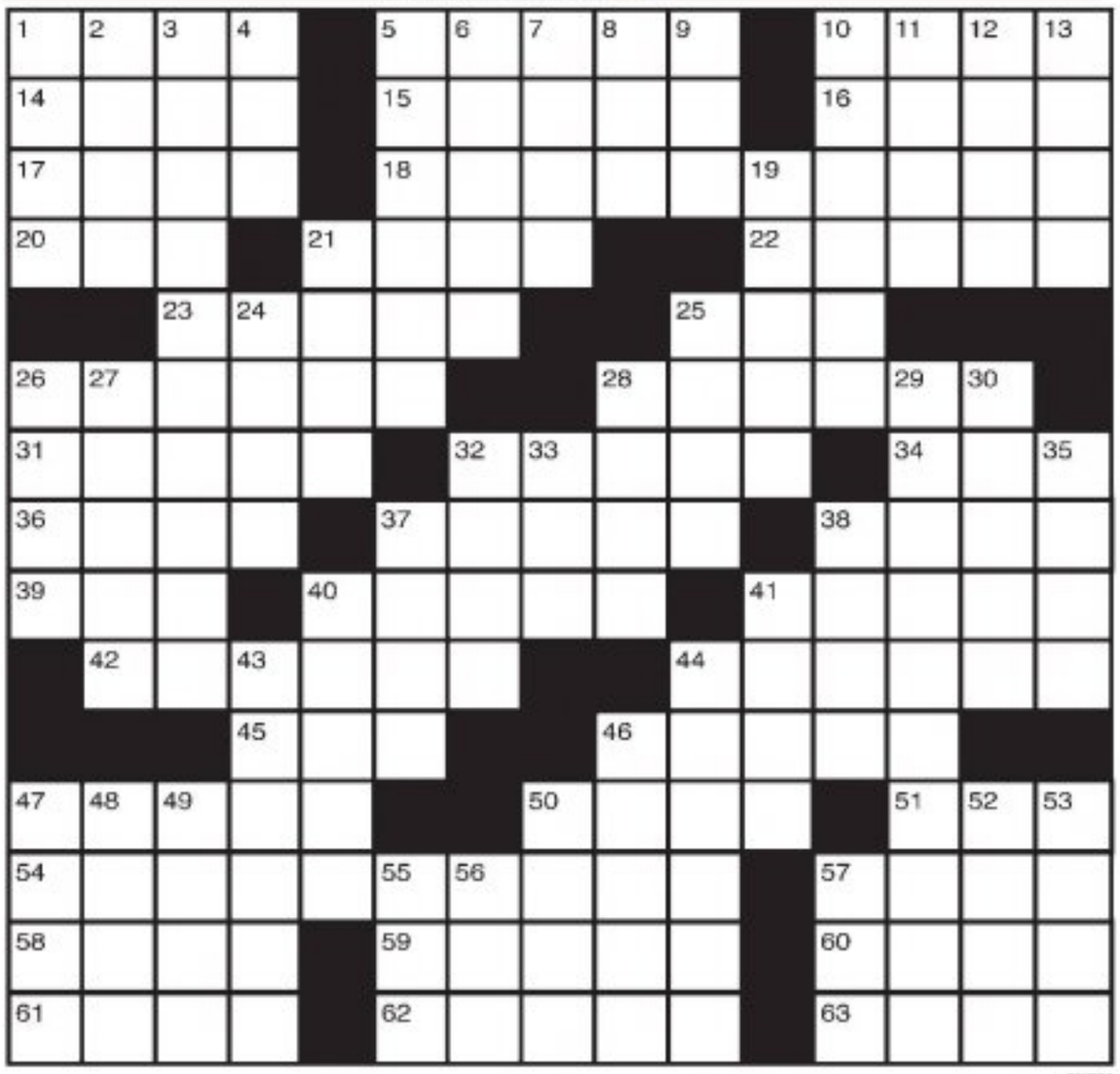

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Taurus Take action and put your plans in motion. It's up to you to make things happen, so don't wait for someone else to take the reins. Embrace the future with enthusiasm.

Gemini Mix and mingle. Get involved in activities that will help you show off what you have to offer. Talks will lead to choices. Make sure you get things in writing.

Cancer Opportunity will knock if you are open to suggestions. Greater stability will depend on your ability to adapt and to be diverse in the way you use your skills, experience and knowledge.

Leo A change at work shouldn't make you cringe. Look for the best way to make whatever happens work to your advantage. A positive attitude will help you gain ground.

Virgo It's up to you to accept and bring about change. Start by going somewhere you've never been before or participating in something that moves you emotionally. If you network, doors will open.

Libra Attend to unsettled matters that are weighing you down. Deal with controversy and opposition passionately, and don't give up until your voice is heard. You can bring about positive change.

Scorpio You can make a difference without going overboard. Use your imagination and discourage anyone trying to rope you into an impractical situation. An exaggerated point of view should be downplayed.

Sagittarius Look for the truth before you say or do anything. Someone will offer a picturesque view of a situation that could alter a decision you must make. Proceed with caution.

Capricorn Alter what isn't working for you. Size up your personal or emotional situation and make whatever adjustments necessary to feel comfortable. A change will improve your state of mind.

Aquarius It doesn't matter what someone else is doing; do what's best for you. Taking better care of your health and physical appearance and avoiding indulgent behavior are encouraged.

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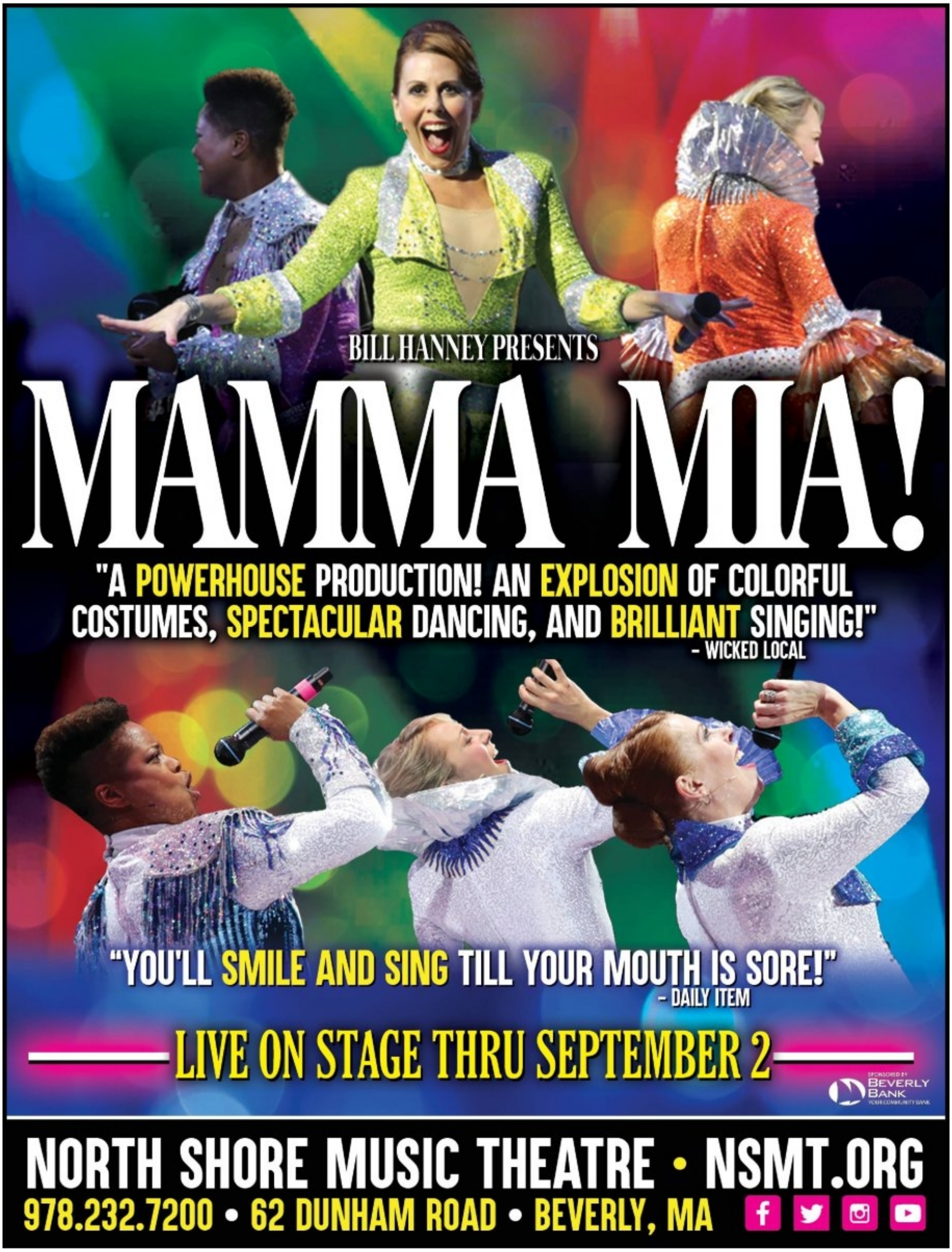
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